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Via Hand Delivery

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RE: Universal Service Generic Contested Case
Docket No. 97-00888

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On behalf of GTE Mobilnet, please find enclosed the original and thirteen (13) copies of its reply to the issues set forth in the Technical Conference.

We appreciate your accepting the enclosed for filing and making the appropriate distributions.

Very truly yours,



Dan H. Elrod

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Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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IN RE:)
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UNIVERSAL SERVICE GENERIC) **DOCKET NO. 97-00888**
CONTESTED CASE)

REPLY OF GTE MOBILNET TO TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ISSUES

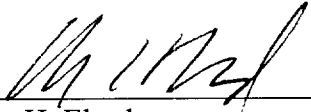
In connection with certain issues identified at the Technical Conference held on October 14, 1997, GTE Mobilnet provides the following comments:

- In connection with Item 3 under Phase I, GTE Mobilnet submits that carriers/providers who are lawfully required to contribute to Universal Service support system, and who otherwise meet the criteria set forth by the FCC and the TRA, should be eligible to receive Universal Service support.

- In connection with Item 6 under Phase I, GTE Mobilnet notes that, in its comments dated August 21, 1997, it raised the legal issue as to whether the TRA, under current Tennessee law, has the authority to require cellular telephone companies to contribute to Universal Service. These prior comments were not intended to indicate that GTE Mobilnet is taking the position in Tennessee that cellular telephone companies, as a matter of policy, should be excluded from contributing to Universal Service or from receiving Universal Service support. There is, however, a definite issue under current Tennessee law that needs to be resolved.

GTE Mobilnet believes that this issue is strictly a question of law to be handled on the basis of briefs and no testimony will be required.

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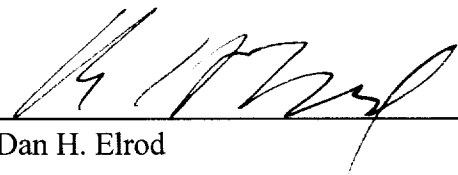
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